

WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (WRTC) MEETING

Friday, May 3, 2013
(10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
Rooms #4 & 5, First Floor

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AGENDA

I. **Welcome, & Roll Call/Introductions** - *Mohsin Siddique, DC Water, WRTC Chair*
(10:00 - 10:10 a.m.)

II. **Water Infrastructure Issues**

A. **Highlights of Water Environment Federations' National Initiatives & Shared Regional Priorities** - *Tim Williams, Senior Director of Government Affairs, and Seth Brown, Stormwater Program and Policy Manager, Water Environment Foundation*
(10:10 - 10:50 a.m.)

Mr. Williams and Mr. Brown will update the WRTC members on WEF activities, focusing on areas such as:

- New wastewater technologies
- Water resources infrastructure needs/assessments (including funding) - especially April 16th national forum
- Stormwater regulations developments
- New/developing water quality challenges
- Climate change impacts
- Federal funding implications

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to discuss the applicability of WEF issues and activities to the COG region, and specifically the potential for collaboration on a regional water resource infrastructure forum.

B. CBPC Forum with EPA and States - Karl Berger, COG
(10:50 - 11:10 a.m.)

Mr. Berger will brief the committee on plans for holding a discussion session with officials from EPA and the Bay states of Maryland and Virginia at the next CBPC meeting on Friday, May 17. The forum will focus priority water infrastructure issues and challenges, including implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and, more widely, on issues of affordability and flexibility in water quality permitting.

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to provide input on COG staff's proposed talking points for CBPC members.

II. Climate Change Activities & Regional Coordination - COG Staff

A. COGs Climate Energy Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) Water Utilities Survey - Amanda Campbell, COG
(11:10 - 11:30 a.m.)

COGs CEEPC policy committee recently collected regional climate/energy environment information through a survey to inform its goals and targets for [2013-2016 in the CEEPC Climate Action Plan](#). The survey was sent to schools, water utilities, and local governments in early 2012. Five out of eight regional water agencies responded. Secondly, COG staff submitted comments on the Water Resources chapter of the Draft National Climate Assessment.

Ms. Campbell will highlight regional water utility survey responses, and describe comments submitted on behalf of regional water resource agencies.

Feedback: WRTC members will be invited to share additional details about current or planned water sector climate and energy initiatives in their organization.

B. Joint CBPC & CEEPC Meeting July 24th - Karl Berger, COG
(11:30 - 11:50 a.m.)

Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee and Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee will hold a joint meeting in July. COG staff will suggest topics for the meeting.

Feedback: WRTC members will be invited to provide their input on possible joint topics for CBPC/CEEPC meeting July 24.

III. RWQM Work Program - FY 2013 Accomplishments & Proposed Focus for FY 2014 Work Program - T. Spano, COG
(11:50 - 12:05 p.m.)

Ms. Spano will highlight key FY 2013 accomplishments and the key assumptions and areas of focus for the proposed FY 2014 Work Program and Budget; and the proposed schedule for review and approval.

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked if they have any comments about the proposed FY 2013 priorities and planning assumptions.

IV. General Updates & Events - COG Staff
(12:05 - 12:20 p.m.)

In addition to highlighting the item below, COG staff will respond to any questions regarding the items in the enclosed updates document.

A. RWQM Subcommittee Meeting - Mukhtar Ibrahim, COG Staff

Mr. Ibrahim will provide an overview of the recent RWQM Subcommittee meeting and the issues that were discussed.

RWQMSc Agenda Topics - April 26th

- Technical Report: Toxic Contaminants in the Chesapeake Bay
- Water Quality Data Analysis at the Potomac River Fall Line
- OWML Web Based Data Access

B. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates - COG staff

C. Other Updates & Events - COG staff

V. Around the Room - WRTC Members & COG Staff
(12:20 - 12:30 p.m.)

WRTC members and COG staff will be asked to share any issues or events that would be of interest/concern to the region.

VI. Adjourn/Lunch
(12:30 p.m.)

Upcoming WRTC & CBPC Meetings & Events (see 2013 Calendar of Meetings)

May 17th - CBPC Meeting (Board Room, 10 am - 12:30 pm)

- **Forum with EPA and States** - Focused on water infrastructure issues & challenges, implementation of Bay TMDL, and affordability/flexibility in water quality permitting.

July 11th - WRTC Meeting (Rooms 4 & 5, 10 am - 12:30 pm)